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Applicants: Whirley et al.

Examiner: Thomas Sweet

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DRUG DELIVERY

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of three months is hereby requested to file an Amendment and Response to an Office Action, which was mailed July 21, 2005.

A three-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date January 23, 2006 as January 21 is a Saturday. The requisite fee in the amount of \$1,020.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed by check.

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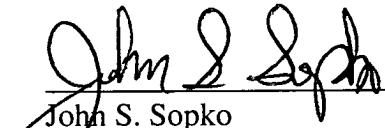
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The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,



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